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Sand-Filtering Device"

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003.
Please amend the above-identified application as described below. **All
amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.